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CARNAGE REIGNS PART 2 OF 7

MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN

DEAR JOURNAL--YOU GOT NO IDEA HOW GOOD IT FEELS TO BE ABLE TO STILL WRITE TO YOU. OR MYSELF, I GUESS? I DON'T KNOW--I'M GETTING SIDETRACKED. I'M JUST TRYING TO SAY I'M THANKFUL YOU MADE IT OUT OF THE FIRE.

AFTER ***RABBLE*** DESTROYED OUR OLD PLACE, MISTY REALLY SAVED US BY FINDING AN APARTMENT... EVEN IF IT'S KINDA SMALL.

I'M JUST GLAD EVERYONE MADE IT OUT OKAY. YOU. MY FAMILY...

...AND DEFINITELY MY FRIENDS.

HEY, GANKE. SORRY I'VE BEEN WYLIN' LATELY.

YOU GOOD, BRO. JUST GLAD YOU AND YOUR FOLKS ARE SAFE.

HAVING ALL YOUR POSSESSIONS NEARLY GO UP IN FLAMES REALLY PUTS THE WORLD IN PERSPECTIVE.

ESPECIALLY ***MY*** PLACE IN IT. RABBLE WAS FLAWED IN HER EXECUTION, BUT SHE WAS RIGHT ABOUT HOW I FOUND MYSELF AT ***BVA***.

IF I HAD TO TAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S SPOT, I GOTTA MAKE SURE I'M NOT LETTING IT GO TO WASTE.

STILL, I WISH I COULDA HELPED HER...

JUST PROMISE ME YOU WON'T TELL TIANA THAT, JOURNAL. THINGS ARE KINDA, SORTA BACK TO NORMAL, AND I DON'T THINK SHE'S AS, UM, UNDERSTANDING AS ME. OH YEAH, SPEAKING OF "NEW NORMAL"...

I'M BASICALLY PRETTY MUCH PARTNERS AND BFFS WITH ***MISTY KNIGHT***. HOW WILD IS THAT?

ONCE THINGS ARE WRAPPED UP HERE, WE'RE BACK TO HITTIN' THE STREETS, KID.

YOU GOT IT, PARTNER.

GIRL, CAN YOU TAKE A CALL LITERALLY ANY OTHER TIME?

I DON'T KNOW, COLLEEN--CAN YOU MIND YA BUSINESS?!

THWIP

EVEN THOUGH I PROMISED MISTY I WOULDN'T, I'VE BEEN TRYING MY HAND AT ALL THE "LESSONS" SHE YELLS AT ME ABOUT WHEN WE PATROL.

GANKE PUT ME ON TO THIS WILD "NOTSOSPOOKY" LIVE STREAM HE THOUGHT I SHOULD INVESTIGATE.

ALSO, I USE THE WORD "*INVESTIGATE*" NOW.

A KID WAS...KILLED... AT THE OLD ST. ESTES *ORPHANAGE.**

*SEE **CARNAGE #12.** --TOMMY

AND THAT FIRST KILLING LED TO A ***HOSTAGE*** SITUATION AT TODD'S DINER... YOU KNOW, NINE TIMES OUTTA TEN, WHEN I FOLLOW COPS TO A SCENE, IT TURNS OUT TO BE NOTHING.

BUT THIS *ONE* TIME...*

*CARNAGE REIGNS ALPHA! --TOMMY

...I WALKED INTO THE **WORST** THING IN THE WORLD.

CLETUS KASADY...IN A BRAND-NEW SUPER-CHARGED, SUPER-FREAKY SYMBIOTE SUIT.

NYEEERGH!

YYYEEAARRGHH!!!

I FOUGHT BACK, BUT MY VENOM BLAST MUST HAVE INTERFERED WITH THE IRON MAN ARMOR BITS IN HIS SYMBIOTE...

BOOOOOOOM

DUNNO IF THAT EXPLOSION WAS ENOUGH TO TAKE CLETUS OUT--BUT I HAD BIGGER PROBLEMS, BECAUSE IT **WAS** ENOUGH TO BRING THE WHOLE BUILDING DOWN ON MY HEAD...

Years ago, high school student **MILES MORALES** was bitten by a genetically altered spider and gained incredible arachnid-like abilities: the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a spider, adhesive fingers and toes, the power to direct a bioelectric charge like a sting, to camouflage himself to the point of invisibility, and to detect approaching danger using his precognitive "Spider-Sense." He hid these abilities at first, until a hero inspired him to use them to try to make the world more just. HE IS…

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CARNAGE REIGNS

CLETUS KASADY is the serial killer best known for bonding to the Carnage symbiote. But Cletus has since rejected Carnage and his soul now inhabits the **EXTREMBIOTE**--a monstrosity that is part **STARK TECH** and part symbiote dragon. The union has made him more powerful--and more dangerous--than ever before. Setting his sights on New York, Cletus turned a Brooklyn diner into a slaughterhouse, attracting the attention of the police and Brooklyn's one and only **SPIDER-MAN.**

His initial tangle with Cletus left Miles brutalized and nearly beaten. As he recuperated, Miles found a survivor of the massacre and led him to safety. Once they reached the building's roof, Miles' heroism turned out to be a mistake as the survivor turned out to be Cletus in disguise. Unable to stand against the powered-up Extrembiote, Miles was saved by an unlikely ally, **SCORPION.** The duo still seemed no match for Cletus until Miles' quick thinking allowed him to overload Cletus' arc reactor, resulting in a massive explosion.

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OOOF!

GAAH!

THUD

OWW. EVERYONE OKAY? WE GOOD?

"WE"? YOU SPEAKIN' FRENCH? THERE AIN'T NO "WE," KID.

DIDN'T FEEL THAT WAY WHEN YOU SAVED ME FROM ***CLETUS KASADY*** BACK THERE.

AND LOOK WHERE THAT GOT US. BEAT HALF TO $@#% AND LOST IN A DAMN SEWER.

YOU JUST SAID "US"!

DO YOU EVER SHUT UP--?

SZZZZLT

WAIT, WHAT'S THAT SOUND--?

SCORPION, LOOK OUT!

TODD'S DINER IS SO MUCH HEAVIER THAN IT LOOKS.

GRRRMMB

SCORPION, MY GUY. DON'T THINK I CAN HOLD THE ENTIRE BUILDING UP FOREVER, DUDE! OPEN TO PITCHES RIGHT NOW.

OH, I GOT ONE...

SCORPION, YOU LOOKING AT ME KINDA CRAZY RIGHT NOW. YOU WOULDN'T DOUBLE-CROSS ME, WOULD YA?

HEH, JUST THINKIN' IS ALL.

ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO HELP?

HEH--

NOT EXACTLY!

WAIT, DUDE--COME ON!

CONSIDER THIS US GETTIN' SQUARE, TWERP.

WAH!

KRUNCH

TH-THANKS, MAN. HAD ME GOING THERE FOR A MINUTE.

WHAT CAN I SAY? I CONTAIN MULTITUDES. PLUS, AGENT GAO WANTS YOU ALIVE. BRINGIN' YA IN ALL SMUSHED AIN'T GONNA SHAVE NO TIME OFF MY SENTENCE.

KNOW WHAT? I'LL TAKE IT. THINKING WE COULD USE SOME HELP ON THIS ONE.

YOU FIGURE THAT OUT ALL BY YOURSELF?

THIS ONE'S OUTTA MY PAY RANGE. WHY DON'T YOU CALL THE AVENGERS OR SOMETHIN'?

UM, I KINDA, SORTA LOST MY AVENGERS CARD.

YOU **LOST** YOUR AVENGERS CARD? HA, HOW'D YOU MANAGE **THAT,** DUMMY?

THIS, *UH,* VILLAIN KINDA BURNED MY FAMILY'S HOUSE DOWN TRYING TO GET BACK AT ME--IT WAS A WHOLE THING.

HEH, YEAH, WE'LL DO THAT.

PLUS, I BUSTED MY PHONE WHEN THE BUILDING CAME DOWN ON US.

THEN YOU WON'T MIND THIS.

MIND WHAT--?

SMAK

YO, MAN, **NOT COOL!** I'M STILL ON MY PARENTS' PLAN!

HEH, IDIOT. THE **ADULTS** WILL HANDLE THIS, PEEWEE.

COME IN, GAO. SCORPION TO GAO.

WILL SOMEONE PICK UP AN' STOP WASTIN' MY TIME--?

THWIP

OOPS, FINGER SLIPPED.

WHY, YOU LITTLE--

WHAT'S **WITH YOU**, MAN? DON'T YOU SEE WE GOT WAY BIGGER PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH? CARNAGE COULD BE ANYWHERE!

I CAN HANDLE HIM ON MY OWN. I DON'T NEED SOME LITTLE PUNK SLOWING ME DOWN!

OH FOR REAL? 'CAUSE FROM WHERE I'M STANDIN', HE GOT US BOTH LEAKIN'.

I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO REALLY BLEED, YOU LITTLE @#--

UGGGH...

H-HELLO?!

THIS SOME KINDA SPIDER-TRICK?

YES, THROWING MY VOICE IS MY SUPER-SECRET POWER THAT I'VE BEEN SAVING FOR JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT.

IS SOMEONE THERE? CAN ANYONE HEAR ME?! I'M OVER HERE, PLEASE HELP!

YO, WE GOT YOU! JUST KEEP TALKING--WE'RE RIGHT HERE!

STEP ASIDE, KID.

VROOM

HEY, MAN, CHILL WITH THAT. SHE NEEDS OUR HELP.

YOU STUPID OR SOMETHING? KASADY ALREADY GOT US WITH ONE SYMBIOTE SWITCHEROO.

MAN, I ***FRIED*** CARNAGE. WE'LL SPEND ALL DAY ARGUING WHILE ***HE'S*** OUT LICKING HIS WOUNDS, AND ***PEOPLE IN HERE*** NEED OUR HELP!

YOU GOOD?

CRACKED A FEW RIBS ON THE WAY DOWN. AND THIS, CUT'S DEEP--NEEDA GET IT PLUGGED BEFORE I BLEED OUT.

WE'LL HAVE YOU TOPSIDE IN NO TIME. ISN'T THAT ***RIGHT,*** SCORPION?

SPIDER-MAN, BY THE WAY. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

E-EUN. MY NAME'S EUN.

AIN'T GONNA SAY IT TWICE, KID.

I'M NOT TAKING NO CHANCES ON THAT BEING ANOTHER ONE OF CLETUS' FREAK CLONES!

"WELL, THIS IS WELL AND TRULY $&@%..."

...AND AS USUAL, I'M THE ONE LEFT TO CLEAN UP THE MESS.

AHMED, FOLLOW.

Y-YES, MA'AM.

SO, CLETUS KASADY TAKES OVER A DINER, MASSACRES EVERYONE INSIDE, CUTS THROUGH MY OFFICERS LIKE PAPER, AND THEN, IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT WITH SPIDER-MAN, MANAGES TO BRING THE WHOLE BUILDING DOWN TO SPITE US ALL.

GUESS HE WANTED TO GO OUT WITH A BANG, MA'AM.

YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND IF YOU THINK CLETUS IS DEAD, AHMED. I WAS A NEWLY MINTED DETECTIVE WHEN HE AND THAT BAND OF WACKOS NEARLY TOOK OUT THE CITY,* SO I KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW DEADLY THAT FREAK CAN BE WHEN LEFT TO HIS OWN DEVICES.

HE'S A MURDEROUS SOCIOPATH, BUT AT LEAST UNTIL TEN MINUTES AGO, WE HAD HIM ***CONTAINED*** IN THAT DINER.

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND--

CLETUS BEING ON THE LOOSE IS THE SINGLE WORST POSSIBLE OUTCOME THIS OP COULD HAVE HAD. MOREOVER, THAT %&*$-UP WAS BECAUSE OF ***ME.***

AND I WILL NOT HAVE ANY MORE INNOCENT FOLKS DIE ON MY WATCH.

*YOU MUST RECALL THE FOURTEEN-PART EPIC ***MAXIMUM CARNAGE?!*** --TOMMY

AGENT GAO, JUST GOT THIS OFF A BODY CAM.

FIRST REAL MISSION, AND HE'S ALREADY WORKING WITH THE ENEMY? TYPICAL.

HAVE WE HEARD FROM SCORPION?

LOST CONTACT WHEN THE BUILDING WENT DOWN, MA'AM.

UNFORTUNATE.

EVERY SECOND WE WASTE IS ANOTHER POTENTIAL BODY KASADY CATCHES.

-SIGH.- $*#% IT. I'M FIXING THIS NOW.

SEND 'EM IN.

WH-WHO DID YOU CALL?

THE *BACKUP.*

NOT TAKING NO CHANCES, KID.

W-WAIT! I'M NOT PART OF THIS AT, LIKE, ALL!

SCORPION, WAIT--JUST HEAR ME OUT, MAN!

THINK ABOUT IT--IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US DOWN HERE! WE'RE BOTH IN PRETTY ROUGH SHAPE. THERE'S NO REASON FOR CLETUS TO HIDE. PLUS, I'M GUESSING THAT EXPLOSION TOOK JUST AS MUCH OUT OF HIM AS IT DID US.

GRRRH.

FINE. AIN'T GOT THE TIME ANYWAY. WANNA GET OUT OF THIS DUMP.

THUMP!

WATCH IT!

TH-THANKS FOR STICKING UP FOR ME, SPIDER-MAN.

NO PROB! JUST PROMISE ME YOU WON'T TRY TO EAT ME WHEN I'M NOT LOOKING.

UM, YEAH, I THINK I CAN DO THAT.

OH MAN, THINK A ***WATER MAIN*** BURST. AT THE RATE THIS STUFF'S POURING IN, ***THE WHOLE TUNNEL*** IS GONNA COME DOWN.

W-WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.

WHADDYA THINK WE'RE TRYING TO DO, DOC?

I'M A PARAMEDIC, NOT A LICENSED DOC--

SHUT UP, NO ONE CARES.

H-HELLO?! IS SOMEONE THERE?!

YOU GOTTA BE $£@# KIDDING ME.

DUDE, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS!

HEY, MAN, LET US HELP YOU UP.

TH-THANK YOU, SPIDER-MAN!

HE'S GOT A FEW SCRATCHES, A SPRAINED ANKLE, AND MAYBE A CONCUSSION, BUT OTHERWISE, HE'S FINE.

ONE SECOND WE'RE FIGHTING THAT MONSTER, NEXT THE WHOLE DAMN BUILDING'S COMING DOWN ON OUR HEADS.

WOULDA BEEN FOR THE BEST...

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM. HE'S CRANKY WHEN HE'S NOT BREAKING THE LAW. WE'RE GONNA GET OUT OF HERE IN NO TIME.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, PAL?

SCOTT.

OKAY, I ***THINK***...

I JUST FOUND OUR WAY OUT.

YOU GONNA FILL ME IN BEFORE THE WHOLE SEWER COMES DOWN ON OUR HEADS, GENIUS?

WELL, THAT DEPENDS, SCORP. Y'KNOW HOW MANY ***GIGAJOULES*** OF ENERGY THAT TAIL OF YOURS IS PACKING?

I DUNNO-- A LOT?

IF WE ANGLE A CONCENTRATED BLAST AT JUST THE RIGHT--

UH, GUYS-- WE'RE OUTTA TIME!

RUMBLE

IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

CRASH

GOTCHA!

EEP!

WHOA!

WE'RE ONLY GETTIN' ***ONE*** SHOT AT THIS OR WE'LL ALL ***DROWN.*** ***SCORPION!*** ON MY MARK, GIVE THAT WALL EVERYTHING YOU GOT!

THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYIN'! WE BLAST IT OPEN, RIDE THE PRESSURE WAVE UP AND GET OUTTA HERE!

YOU TRYING TO BURY US EVEN ***FASTER?!*** THAT'S A LOAD BEARING WALL--

YOU'RE A HELL OF A LOT CRAZIER THAN THE OTHER SPIDER-MAN, YA KNOW THAT?

TRUST ME. THE WATER'LL DO MOST OF THE WORK FOR US. YA BOY SPIDER-MAN HAS GOT THIS!

HOLD YOUR BREATH, FOLKS. YOU DEFINITELY DO **NOT** WANNA DRINK THIS STUFF!

PLEW

YOU GOT SOME STONES ON YOU, KID--I'LL GIVE YOU THAT!

BAD PLAN'S BETTER THAN NO PLAN!

OH MY GOD!

HERE WE GO...

CRACK

I DON'T CARE HOW HARD IT IS, GET YOUR MEN DIGGING THAT HOLE. FOR ALL WE KNOW, KASADY COULD BE DOWN THERE WAITING TO--

HEY, YOU HEAR SOMETHIN'--?

DAMMIT!

THUNK

COMIN' THROUGH!

INCOMING! GET DOWN!

...

OOOF!

HOLY $&#@, WE MADE IT?!

SWEAR TO GOD, WHEN I GET OUT OF THIS STUPID THING...

TH-THANKS, SPIDER-MAN. YOU SAVED ME!

YO, NO PROBLEM, ELIN! THANKS FOR NOT EATING ME!

UH, MY PLEASURE.

I WOULDN'T GO CELEBRATING JUST YET...

...'CAUSE YOU AND I GOT UNFINISHED BUSINESS, SPIDER-MAN.

OH, COME ON, MAN!

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAVE THE DAY FOR YOU TO GIVE ME A BREAK?!

YEAH, LADY, IF IT WASN'T FOR SPIDER-MAN, YOU'D BE PULLING MORE BODIES OUT THAT RUBBLE.

I'LL BE SURE TO LET THE JUDGE KNOW THAT.

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS WHAT HE DESERVES.

YOU FOR REAL RIGHT NOW?

YOU BRING A BUILDING DOWN IN MY CITY AND REALLY THINK I'M NOT GONNA CART YOUR ASS OFF?

KNIGHT CAN FLEX HER RELATIONSHIP WITH MAYOR CAGE AS MUCH AS SHE WANTS, BUT YOU'VE USED UP ALL YOUR "GET OUT OF JAIL FREE" CARDS.

YO, THIS IS CRAZY! SCORPION, COME ON, MAN, BACK ME UP?

YOU GOING SOFT ON ME, GARGAN?

ACTUALLY, MA'AM, I THINK WE COULD FIND A USE FOR THE RUNT. HE DID GOOD BACK THERE--BUILDING GOING BOOM WASN'T ON ACCOUNT OF HIM. WAS ALL KASADY.

NO, JUST SAYING THE TEAM COULD USE 'IM IS ALL.

HEY, SCOTT-- YOU GOOD?

WE SHOULD GET YOU LOOKED AT.

NO. I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I NEED...

...JUST ONE MORE BITE OF THAT KID AND I'LL BE RIGHT AS RAIN!

WHAT? NO WAY! SCOTT WAS A CLETUS-CLONE?!

KASADY?!

BACON'S BACK ON THE MENU, BOYS.

KASADY CAN DUPLICATE HIMSELF NOW?!

MORE LIKE POSSESS FOLKS!

LAW OR NO LAW--I'M NOT LETTING HIM HURT ANYONE ELSE!

GAAAH!

RAAAAGH--

WHAT THE HECK?

THE HELL IS THIS?!

FWOOSH

THUNK

THUNK

THUNK

SORRY, BUDDY, WHERE'RE OUR MANNERS? LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO NEW YORK'S NEWEST ANTI-VIGILANTE TASK FORCE...

ELECTRO:
ELECTROSTATIC-MANIPULATION.
AVID SCRAPBOOKER.

TASKMASTER:
MASTER MIMIC.
MERC FOR HIRE.

...THE CAPE KILLERS!

HIGHTAIL:
SUPER-SPEED.
PICKPOCKET ENTHUSIAST.

YOU GAVE A BADGE TO *TASKMASTER?!* HE'S A LITERAL MERCENARY.
HIYA, KID. LONG TIME NO STAB!
LET'S GET THIS WRAPPED UP, MASTERS.
WHAT THE LADY WANTS, THE LADY GETS.
YOU HEARD THE LADY, FRYE! TIME TO EARN OUR CHECK!
I'M HERE TO CUT TIME OFF MY SENTENCE, NOT TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU.
SO I'M FINISHING THIS NOW.
KUR-THWAK
Y'ALL TAKIN' ENTIRELY TOO LONG.
HELL OF A KICK, HIGHTAIL.
GROSS.
LIGHT WORK, HONESTLY.
GOOD JOB, TEAM. BUT DON'T GET COCKY.
IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, THAT THING IS JUST A TASTE OF WHAT KINDA MISERY KASADY WILL BRING TO THIS CITY IF HE'S LEFT TO HIS OWN DEVICES.
SHE'S RIGHT. AND THIS PROVES THAT MANIAC IS STILL OUT THERE SOMEWHERE.
WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY SPIDER-MAN WILL BE *JOINING* YOU.
EXACTLY... WAIT, WHAT?!
HERE'RE YOUR OPTIONS, KID--MY CAPE KILLERS CAN CART YOU OFF TO JAIL. OR YOU CAN BE THEIR LITTLE SYMBIOTE WHISPERER AND I'LL CONSIDER IT TIME SERVED.
NOW, WHERE COULD *KASADY* BE HIDING?!
"WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THAT LITTLE STUNT, IF I MIGHT ASK?"

THE SPIRE.
MILES BENEATH NEW YORK CITY.

A LITTLE SLEIGHT OF HAND, KENNETH. SPIDER-MAN COULDN'T HELP BUT COME TO THE RESCUE, **AGAIN.** AND WHILE HE WAS DISTRACTED WITH **SCOTT** AND THE **POLICE,** WE WERE able TO SLIP AWAY **UNPURSUED.**

TO DO **WHAT?** HIDE? LICK OUR WOUNDS?

KENNETH-- **EVERY** WOUND HAS SOMETHING NEW TO TEACH YA, LIKE HOW THAT HALF-PINT SPIDER-TEEN DID A NUMBER ON THIS NEW BODY...HE'S GONNA **PAY** FOR THAT. WITH BUCKETS OF BLOOD.

BUT FIRST, **WHATEVER** HE DID IS MESSING WITH MY SUIT. I'M GONNA SORT IT OUT. WHEN I DO...

...THIS WHOLE TOWN'S GONNA REMEMBER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE **CARNAGE'S** CLAWS AROUND ITS THROAT!

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